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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992, the General Assembly, referring to a study by the independent expert on possible long-term approaches to enhancing the effective operation of existing and prospective bodies established under United Nations instruments on human rights (A/44/668, annex), requested, inter alia, that the "report of the independent expert be updated for submission to the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session and that an interim report be presented to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session and be made available to the World Conference on Human Rights in June 1993".

2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/111 (and to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/16 of 26 February 1993 which contained a similar request), the author of the study, Professor Philip Alston, has undertaken to update his earlier study and has prepared an interim report thereon. The interim report was presented to the World Conference on Human Rights in document A/CONF.157/PC/62/Add.11/Rev.1 and is being made available to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session under that document symbol.

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